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I-85 LANE CLOSURES NEAR EXITS 35, 41 AND SR 16

COWETA COUNTY – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces daily southbound lane closures on Interstate 85 near Exit 35 (State Route 14/US 29) and Exit 41 (State Route 14/US 27 Alt) beginning Tuesday, July 28, through Thursday, July 30. All lane closures will be in place between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The closures are subject to change based on weather conditions.

Interstate 85 Southbound Lane Closures

Tuesday, July 28, daily through Thursday, July 30

Near mileposts 44 - 34TIME: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

1 lane remains open to traffic

*There will be alternating southbound lane closures daily. Expect congestion and delays throughout the corridor.

SR 16 at I-85 East and Westbound Lane Closures

Wednesday, July 29, daily through Thursday, July 30 AND Monday, August 3

Near mileposts 13 - 14 *TIME: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

1 right and left lane closed; 1 remains open to traffic in both directions

The scheduled completion date for this project is December 31, 2009. Motorists should expect shoulder and lane closures on a continuing basis and are advised to use extra caution in construction work zones.

Speed limits have been reduced and will be strictly enforced. Message boards, signs, barricades, barrels and cones will be utilized to alert and channel motorists through the area.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

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